(e) what price was recommended by the committee and when the notification was issued;

(f) whether it is a fact that the formulators were overcharging the prices of Rifampicin plus INH before 18th August, 1988 the date of notification of price; and

(g) if so, what action was suggested against the companies?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (g) The required details to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Manufacture of Vitamin A

@@1909. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that we do not have the technical know-how for manufacture of Vitamin A in the country and are importing it for use as antidote for prespective blindness among our people; and

(b) if so, what is the foreign party from where we are buying the material, the quantity thereof, and the price year-wise from 1985—88?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir. Vitamin A is being produced in the country from the basic stage. Though production has been increasing over the years, it has not been sufficient to meet the demand resulting in imports.

(b) Details of imports such as quantity, cif prices etc. are published in the Monthly Statistics for Foreign Trade in India, Vol. II, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

@@Previously unstarred question 1542 transferred from the 22nd November, 1988.

Manufacure of oil platforms at Mazagon dock

@@@1910. SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mazagon Dock is well equipped to manufacture oil platforms;

(b) whether orders are being placed with foreign firms for the same;

(c) if so, the number of such orders placed during the Seventh Five Year Plan period with cost; and

(d) the reasons for ignoring the Mazagon Dock facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes Sir, but they need assistance in areas like detailed design, installation etc.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. During the 7th plan period, ONGC have placed orders for 16 well platforms and 7 process platform on foreign firms at an approximate cost of Rs. 1186 crores.

(d) So far MDL have fabricated 33 well platforms, 3 process platforms and one jacket of process platform for ONGC. In addition they are now fabricating 9 well platforms and 2 jackets of well platforms. Thus it is not correct to say that MDL has been ignored by ONGC.

Prices of oxytetracycline formulations

1911. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3657 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Pfizer continued to charge prices which

@@@Previously unstarred question 1453, transferred from the 22nd November, 1988.

were prevailing under DPCO, 1970 for each pack of Oxytetracycline formulations till August, 1988.

(b) what was the prices fixed for each pack which the company charged under DPCO, 1970 and what was the price fixed under DPCO, 1979;

(c) what was the price fixed for Oxytetracycline and its salts under DPCO, 1970 and whether prices of formulations based on Oxytetracycline Hcl with 75 per cent mark up were only implemented by the company; and

(d) what was the price of Oxytetracycline and its salts fixed under DPCO, 1987 and whether this price was higher?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The required details would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Leader prices of Rifampicin plus INH

1912. SHRI HARI SINGH :

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry identified three packs of Rifamipicin plus INH as leader so far pricing is concerned;

(b) if so, on what basis these packs have been decided to be leader;

(c) what is the bulk drug price of Rifampicin and INH taken for working the prices of three packs;

(d) whether eight per cent incidentals have also been allowed for these packs;

(e) what is the policy in respect of eight per cent incidential charges and whether the same are allowed in all cases where leader prices are finalised;

(f) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry is not verifying the purchase invoices of drugs before finalising the leader prices;

(g) whether his Ministry verified the purchase prices of Rifampicin, INH Gentamycin, Trimethoprim and Sulphamethoxazole; and

(h) if so, what was the purchase price of each?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Ceiling price has been fixed for 3 major selling packs of Rifampicin and INH combinations under DPCO, 1987. The ceiling prices are based on the notified prices of the bulk drugs concerned.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) to (h) Incidential charges @ 8 per cent are generally allowed over the notified prices of the bulk drug concerned, in case of formulations containing price controlled bulk drugs.

Prices of Rifampicin and Ethambutol

1913. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Quesiton 3723 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether his Ministry have fixed the prices of Rifampicin and Ethambutol;

(b) if so, when and what price of each was fixed;

(c) what CIF price per unit of production has been taken for intermediates while fixing the prices of these drugs;

(d) whether it is a fact that his Ministry did not consider the CIF prices of intermediates used for their production before fixing the prices of drugs;

(e) what are the names of companies who were registered for import of Rifampicin during 1988-89 and at what rate